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HONGKONG, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1st, 1887.

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PRICE 2 1/2 PER MONTH

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.
October 30, BENJAMIN, British steamer, 1,497, A. W. S. Thompson, London 14th September, and Singapore 23rd October, General—Grim, Livingston & Co.
October 31, MERRILL, Chinese steamer, 1,335, Lancaster, Whampoa 31st October, General—C. M. S. N. C.
October 31, DEVONSHIRE, British str., 1,513, A. Purvis, London 6th September, and Singapore 23rd October, General—Russell & Co.
October 31, NAUDOO, British brig, 378, Jno. Campbell, put back, Rice and Salt—Christians.
October 31, CONSTANCE, British steamer, 1,012, C. Koppel, Nagasaki 24th October, October 31, FRER, Danish steamer, 397, C. Lund, Haiphong 27th October, General—ARNOLD, KASBERG & Co.

DEPARTURES.
October 30, KUTZING, British steamer, for Whampoa.
October 31, PATROCLUS, British steamer, for Amoy.
October 31, BANTAM, Dutch steamer, for Saigon.
October 31, ANCHISE, British str., for London.
October 31, ELIMINA, Dutch brig, for Amoy.

PASSENGERS.
For Benveniste, str. from London, &c.—162 Chinese from Singapore.
For Devonshire, str. from London, &c.—130 Chinese.
For Frer, str. from Haiphong—3 Chinese.
For Anadyr, str. from Hongkong—For Saigon, Mr. E. R. M. M. C. B. and Mrs. S. and child, and 2 Chinese. For Singapore—Mr. Frank Franco and servant, Messrs. J. S. Stewart, A. A. Perkins, W. M. Dargwell, and W. W. Floyer. For Haiphong—General Brand, Landale, J. Taylor, M. W. N. Donald and F. S. Deacon. From Shanghai—For Saigon—Messrs. S. J. D. Valentin, Gustave, Aube, Guenda, and F. G. G. and 35 marines. For Singapore—Messrs. S. J. D. Valentin, Gustave, Aube, Guenda, and F. G. G. and 35 marines. For Haiphong—General Brand, Landale, J. Taylor, M. W. N. Donald and F. S. Deacon. From Shanghai—For Saigon—Messrs. S. J. D. Valentin, Gustave, Aube, Guenda, and F. G. G. and 35 marines.

REPORTS.
The Danish steamer Frer, from Haiphong 27th October, reports had strong N.E. wind throughout.
The British steamer Benveniste, from London 14th September, and Singapore 23rd October, reports from lat. 6 N. to Hongkong had very strong N.E. monsoon and high seas.
The British steamer Devonshire, from London 6th September, and Singapore 23rd October, reports had moderate N.E. gale with high sea and passing squalls throughout the passage from Singapore.

NOTICES OF REMOVAL.
We have this day REMOVED to 110, Queen's Road Central, and also 22, Praya Central, next door to the Victoria Hotel.
HONGKONG, 27th October, 1887. [1273]

BOARD AND RESIDENCE.
MRS. STAINFIELD, 55, Queen's Road East, has Private Board and Residence for Single Men or Married Couples, at reasonable rates.
Hongkong, 14th October, 1887. [1984]

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INTIMATIONS.

LIFE ASSURANCE.
FOR many years the STANDARD LIFE OFFICE has paid upwards of Half a Million Pounds Sterling per Annum in Death Claims. Its Funds—steadily increasing, exceed 6½ Millions, and have increased over 50 per cent. in the last 13 years. The New Assurances on carefully selected lives for the last five years have been in excess of the Business transacted by any of the Scottish Life Offices. The Business is conducted with economy, the premiums are moderate, and the conditions will be found liberal.
Forms of Proposal on application to the BORNBO COMPANY, LIMITED, 30-31, Agents, Hongkong.

LANE CRAWFORD & Co.
JUST ARRIVED.
Ex French Mail Steamer
"NATAL"

LETTS'S DIARIES
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LANE CRAWFORD & Co.
Hongkong, 15th October, 1887. [126]

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BANKS.

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.
AUTHORIZED CAPITAL, £2,000,000.
PAID UP, £500,000.
Registered Office, 40, THE ARCADE, LONDON.
BRANCHES IN INDIA, CHINA, JAPAN AND THE COLONIES.
THE BANK receives money on Deposit, Bays and Sells Bills of Exchange, issues Letters of Credit, forwards Bills for Collection, and Transacts Banking and Agency Business generally on terms to be had on application.
Interest allowed on Deposits:
Fixed for 12 months, 5 per Cent. per Annum.
Fixed for 6 months, 4 per Cent. per Annum.
Fixed for 3 months, 3 per Cent. per Annum.
On Current Deposit Accounts 2 per Cent. per Annum on the daily balance.

APPROVED CLAIMS ON THE ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, in Liquidation, or the BALANCE OF such Claims purchased on advantageous terms.
Agency of the NATIONAL LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY.
E. W. RUTTER, Manager, Hongkong Branch.
Hongkong, 12th March, 1887. [10]

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.
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Under the Patronage and in the presence of His EXCELLENCY the GOVERNOR.
HERR HEINRICH KOHLER begs to announce that he will give a final Pianoforte Recital before leaving for the North in
ST. ANDREW'S HALL.
CITY HALL, HONGKONG.
TO-MORROW (WEDNESDAY) EVENING the 2nd November, 1887.
PROGRAMME.
1.—2 Etudes de Chopin.
2.—Berceuse.
3.—Adagio e Rondo.
4.—The Mill-Wheel.
5.—Polacca.
6.—Tarentella.
7.—Gigue.
8.—Berceuse.
9.—Cadenza from the Piano.
10.—The Mill-Wheel.
11.—Polacca.
12.—Tarentella.

HUNGARIAN RHAPSODY No. 14—LIZST. (Introduction—National Hymn with Variations—Cadenza—Gipsy Polka—Interlude—Hungarian Galop).
A magnificent new Concert-grand of the firm of Eschbach, Berlin, which has just arrived from Europe will be used.
Tickets may be obtained from Messrs. KELLY & WALSH, Ltd., Kruer & Co., and LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. Hongkong, 31st October, 1887. [2100]

GREAT ATTRACTION.
DON'T MISS THIS TREAT.
THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL.
SMOKING CONCERT.
ST. LILY MINSTRELS.

THE FIRST PERFORMANCE OF THE SEASON.
FRIDAY EVENING, the 4th November, at 8 P.M.
A lengthy Programme has been arranged by these Minstrels to give the Public a treat on this occasion.

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NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

TO CONSIGNEES OF OPTIONAL CARGO EX O.S.S. CO.'S S.S. "STENTOR," FROM LIVERPOOL.
SHIPPING Orders must be obtained from the Underwriter not later than the 1st Nov. for shipment per steamer "JASON." BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents. Hongkong, 27th October, 1887. [2026]

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DEATHS.

At Mount Gough, the Peak, on the 24th October,

WILLIAM HENRY BAKER, District Officer, aged

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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, NOVEMBER 1st, 1887.

All hope of seeing a British dollar coined

for use in the Far East, must now, we fear,

be abandoned. A strong effort has been

made at Singapore, both by the Government

and the Chamber of Commerce, to induce the

home Government to have such a coin struck,

but the effort has proved fruitless as regards

the immediate object in view. Probably a

mistake was made by the Singapore people

in suggesting a coin which, being of greater

intrinsic value than the Mexican, could not

compete with it on even terms, even apart

from the question of the greater or less cost

of coining. To meet this it was proposed to

demonstrate the Mexican. To this the Sec-

retary of State objected, on the ground that

any such step would run counter to the re-

solved currency principle that law should

follow custom in giving coin the status of

legal tender; and he is supported by the

opinion of the Treasury authorities. Sir

FREDERICK WELCH had pointed out the ad-

vantages which would accrue to the Colony

from having the Queen's coin in circulation

as a valuable means of furthering British

influence in the Malay Peninsula, where trade

is steadily increasing; and on the other

hand he referred to the disadvantages under

which the trade of the Straits Settlements

labours owing to the fact that the currency

arrangements are liable to disturbance at

any time from fluctuations in the price

of Mexican dollars, in addition to which

there is the danger—a remote one, we think

—of the Japanese Government ceasing the

coining of the yen. The agitation of the sub-

ject, though it has failed to secure a British

dollar, has nevertheless produced one good

and notable result. In reply to Sir FREDERICK

WELCH's remarks on the uncertainty attend-

ing currency matters, the Treasury authori-

ties suggest that an issue of Government

dollar notes under effective safeguards will

provide for any possible falling off in the

volume of metallic currency. The Secretary

of State also favours the same idea. It may

reasonably be expected, therefore, that be-

fore long the neighbouring colony will have

a Government one dollar note issue suffi-

ciently large to meet its requirements. If so

the same benefit cannot long be denied to

Hongkong. We have in this colony had

practical experience of the advantages of the

one dollar note issued by the Hongkong and

Shanghai Bank, the only cause for discon-

tinuation being that owing to senseless

Government restrictions the issue falls so

far short of our requirements, as shown by

the fact that the notes command one per

cent, premium. An adequate supply of

dollar notes is an urgent want of the

colony; whether it is supplied by the

Government taking the matter into its own

hands or by allowing the Bank to increase

its issue is a matter of indifference to the

shareholders of the Bank are subject to un-

limited liability in respect of the note issue

and the security is therefore absolute.

On the 14th September last we reprinted

from the Bangkok Times the report of a

most influential and extremely well attended

and representative meeting of British sub-

jects, including a number of Asiatics, held

at Bangkok, to consider certain matters con-

connected with the administration of justice in

the British Consular Court there. At that

meeting very grave charges were advanced

against the Consul, Mr. GOULD. In com-

menting on the proceedings we said:—

"Having before us only the *ex parte* state-

ments of the Consul's accusers it is impos-

sible to form a judgment on the case further

than that it is one that demands in-

vestigation," and, while holding the ne-

cessity for an investigation, we further

said that we found it difficult to believe

that the charges reflecting on the Consul's

probity were well founded. Our skepticism

on this point finds its justification in a letter

which has been addressed by most of the

leading British residents in Bangkok to the

Marquis of SALISBURY, as Her Majesty's

Principal Secretary of State for Foreign

Affairs. The signatories to this letter say:

"From our own knowledge, we can assert
that Her Majesty's Consul, Mr. GOULD, has
the entire confidence and esteem of all re-
spectable European and Asiatic British sub-
jects in Siam." Interestingly, therefore,
those whose confidence and esteem Mr.
GOULD does not possess are classed
as outside the pale of respectability.
However this may be, their numbers
must certainly be few, for the letter to
the Marquis of SALISBURY is signed by al-
most the whole of the British community,
and it is noteworthy that, while the meet-
ing in September was described by the local
paper as being "a most influential and ex-
tremely well attended and representative
meeting," no list was given of the names of
those present, although in such a small com-
munity there could have been no difficulty
in obtaining "such a list." It would seem,
therefore, that the report in the Bangkok
Times was misleading, unless the attendance
at the meeting included a large proportion
of the signatories to the letter to the Foreign
Secretary, which is unlikely. In that letter
a protest is made "against the action of cer-
tain individuals who have, for some time
past, been active in publishing, in the name
of the British community here, the most
scandalous and unwarrantable aspersions
upon the motives and actions of the British
Consular authorities in this country." The
individuals referred to, if few in number,
have succeeded in making a great deal of
noise, and it was high time that those
who differed from them should make their
voice heard. It is extremely gratifying to
find the charges against Mr. GOULD's
personal honour so satisfactorily refuted—
for we must hold that Mr. GOULD possesses
his entire confidence and esteem. At the
same time we still think that the machinery
for the administration of justice amongst Her
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